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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
6 AT SEATTLE

7 NATHAN JOVEE,
8 Plaintiff,
9 v.
10 JOLENE JOVEE,
11 Defendant.

12 Cause No. C22-0710RSL
13 ORDER OF REMAND

14 On May 20, 2022, Nathan Jovee filed a notice of removal of a custody dispute pending in
15 Snohomish County Superior Court to the United States District Court for the Western District of
16 Washington. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule (“LCR”) 101(b), a copy of the operative complaint
17 filed in state court and the contact information of all counsel and *pro se* parties must accompany
18 any notice of removal filed in this district. In the absence of this information, the Court cannot
19 determine whether it has jurisdiction over this matter and cannot keep the parties apprised of the
20 status of the case. Mr. Jovee was given until July 6, 2022, to file the required information. He
21 was warned that the failure to do so would result in the remand of this matter back to state court.
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23 Dkt. # 8.

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25 On July 13, 2022, Mr. Jovee submitted an *ex parte* “Motion for Immediate Restraining
26 Order” which he represents to be the operative complaint in state court. Dkt. # 10 at 1 and 3-79.
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1 The *ex parte* motion was filed in February 2022 by Jolene Jovee in a Snohomish County
2 Superior Court case that has been pending since 2019. The document submitted by Mr. Jovee is
3 clearly not the complaint in the state court action, it does not indicate any grounds for the
4 exercise of federal jurisdiction, and the caption of the document indicates that Mr. Jovee is the
5 petitioner and that Jolene Jovee is the respondent in the state case. The Clerk of Court is hereby
6 directed to remand this matter to the Snohomish County Superior Court on the grounds that
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8 (a) Mr. Jovee failed to comply with the Court's June 22, 2022, Order, (b) Mr. Jovee has failed to
9 show that the federal court has original jurisdiction over this civil matter, and (c) Mr. Jovee is
10 not a "defendant" entitled to remove a civil action under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).
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14 Dated this 15th day of July, 2022.
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18 Robert S. Lasnik
19 United States District Judge
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